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### REMARKS

Claims 7-13 are now pending in this application. Claims 7 and 9 are independent. Claim 9 has been amended, and claims 1-6 and 14 have been canceled by this amendment. No claims have been added.

The application is now in condition for allowance, given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

## Anticipation Rejection over Aude

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aude is requested. These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

### Unpatentability Rejection over Aude

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aude is requested. This claim has been canceled, thus rendering its rejection moot.

# Unpatentability Rejection over Aude in View of Ingrashi et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4, 6, and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aude in view of Ingrashi et al. is requested. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot. Independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14, thus rendering its rejection moot. Claims 10-13 now depend from allowable claim 9, thus rendering their rejection moot.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 7 and 8 are allowed, and that claim 14 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In reliance upon the indication of allowable Application No.: 10/605,571BEST AVAILABLE COPY

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subject matter, the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 14 has been added to independent claim 9, and claim 14 has been canceled.

### <u>Conclusion</u>

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes that each of pending claims 7-8 and 9-13 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00020-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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